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January Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 974 million pounds of milk during January, up 1.7 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,280 pounds for January, 20 pounds above January 2019. The dairy herd was estimated at 427,000 head for January, up 3,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during January totaled 17.9 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from January 2019. December revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from December 2018. The December revision represented an increase of 82 million pounds or 0.5 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,031 pounds for January, 21 pounds above January 2019. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.82 million head, 16,000 head more than January 2019, and 5,000 head more than December 2019.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: January 2019 and 2020

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Cows 1,000 Hd	424	427	8,805	8,821
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,260	2,280	2,010	2,031
Production Mil lbs	958	974	17,699	17,918